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SUGGESTED RECRUITMENT OF "SHERIF" AND "IMAM",
KURDISH CONTACTS OF "Ø3Ø" (1944)

From: ISTANBUL

To: MOSCOW

No: 100 137

8 Sept. 44

To VIKTOR.[1]

"Ø3Ø"[11]

[20 groups unrecovered]

(in future "SHERIF" [SHERIF] = [111])

[32 groups unrecoverable]

years were students of "Ø3Ø"'s.

[12 groups unrecovered]

friendly relations. They both confided to "Ø3Ø" their thoughts and ideas and their dissatisfaction with the policy of the Turks towards the Kurds and with the position of the Kurdish people. They expressed sympathy with the USSR, where the position of the Kurds is different. "Ø3Ø" knows nothing definite about the activity and political aims of the organisation of which "SHERIF" and "IMAM" [iv] are members. We believe that the organisation may be of great interest to us and in this connection it would be useful to sign up "SHERIF" and "IMAM". The former is unknown, the latter is serving in a military unit in ANKARA.

In view of the fact that "Ø3Ø" is travelling home [a] in the near future (about which we have notified you) the recruitment of the above [8 groups unrecovered] and necessary instructions.

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[Note and Comments overleaf]

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Note: [a] home : The Russian word is RODINA. From the writer's point of view the USSR would be implied.

Comments: [i] VIKTOR : Lt. Gen. P. M. FITIN.

[ii] _ø3ø : Unidentified cover-name. First occurrence.

[iii] SHERIF : " " " "

[iv] IMAM : " " " "

[v] LEONID : Unidentified ISTANBUL signature.

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